

Remarks

Claim 1 is amended herein to incorporate the subject matter of claim 16. Claim 16 is canceled herein. Following entry of this amendment, claims 1, 3-6, 8-10, 12-14, 17 and 19-28 are pending.

This amendment is made solely to advance prosecution, in order to obtain a rapid allowance of the present application. Applicants expressly reserve the right to prosecute any deleted subject matter in a continuation application.

Interview Summary

Applicants thank Examiner Hissong for the helpful interview of November 20, 2008, wherein allowable subject matter was discussed.

Conclusion

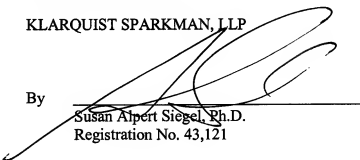
Applicants believe that the present amendment places all of the pending claims in condition for allowance, which action is requested. Examiner Hissong is formally requested to contact the undersigned, in order to arrange a telephonic interview, if there are any minor matters that remain to be addressed before a Notice of Allowance is issued. It is believed that a brief discussion of the merits of the present application may expedite prosecution. This request is submitted under MPEP §713.01, which indicates that an interview may be arranged in advance by a written request.

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